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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Loeb *et al.*

Application No.: 09/522,373

Filed: March 10, 2000

For: INDUCTION OF VIRAL MUTATION  
BY INCORPORATION OF MISCODING  
RIBONUCLEOSIDE ANALOGS INTO  
VIRAL RNA

Examiner: Karen A. Lacourciere

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from June 1, 2002 to September 1, 2002, is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

The response filed on February 14, 2002 was objected to as allegedly not fully responsive to the prior Office Action (dated August 1, 2001). The response was allegedly not fully responsive for failing to submit a terminal disclaimer, and for failing to provide a marked version of amended claim 48. The Examiner also noted that page 6 of the response was not received by the PTO.